

16. APPLICATION TO THE SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ABBEY GRACE CHAMBERS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.
2. There is currently \$47,897 in the 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The purpose of the Youth Development Scheme is to celebrate and support young people living in the Shirley Papanui ward by providing financial assistance for their development. The Community Board also seeks to acknowledge young people's effort, achievement and potential excellence in the community.
4. The Youth Development Scheme will consider applications for the following activities:
 - Personal Development and Growth - For example leadership training, career development, Outward Bound, Spirit of Adventure, extra curricular educational opportunities.
 - Representation at Events - Applicants can apply for assistance if you have been selected to represent your school, team or community at a local, national or international event or competition. This includes sporting, cultural and community events.
5. The following eligibility criteria must be met:
 - Age groups 12-25 years.
 - Projects must have obvious benefits for the young person and if possible the wider community.
 - Only one application per person permitted per year.
 - Applicants should be undertaking other fundraising activities and not relying solely on Community Board support.
6. The applicant is Abbey Chambers an 18 year old, who lives in Freebairn Street, Redwood. Abbey is seeking funds to assist with completing an Internship at Attunga Christian Camp in New South Wales.
7. Abbey attends Papanui Baptist Church and is a leader with a number of youth and children's groups including: Rock Solid, the Northcote School Breakfast Club, Papanui Pirates Holiday Programme. She also volunteers at the Kimi Ora Unit at Papanui High School and at Te Koru Pou Iho Youth Centre.
8. This Internship focuses on developing life skills and leadership. Abbey sees this as an opportunity to lead into Youth Work which she intends to pursue in Christchurch in 2012.
9. Abbey has already completed Semester 1 of the Internship. Semester 2 runs from 14 August to 21 December 2011.
10. A reference from the Assistant Pastor at Papanui Baptist Church recommends Abbey as "an honest, reliable and conscientious person".
11. Abbey is one of seven siblings and from a family that has little financial resources. She has undertaken a number of personal fundraising activities and continuing with others. She has run a youth event, held a raffle and sells items on Trade Me. So far, this has raised around \$1,500.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. The total cost of completing the second semester is \$4,150, made up of semester fees of \$3,850 and airfares of \$300.
13. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board currently has a balance of \$47,897 in the 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. This fund aligns with the 2009-19 LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. This fund aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board make a grant of \$500 to Abbey Grace Chambers to attend Attunga Christian Camp Internship programme (Semester 2) from August to December 2011.